

Noxious weeds are non-native plants introduced to Washington through human actions. Because of their aggressive growth and lack of natural enemies in the state, these species can be highly destructive, competitive or difficult to control. These exotic species can reduce crop yields, destroy native plant and animal habitat, damage recreational opportunities, clog waterways, lower land values and poison humans and livestock.

To help protect the state's resources, the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board adopts a State Noxious Weed List each year. This list categorizes weeds into three major classes - A, B & C - according to the seriousness of the threat they pose to the state or a region of the state.

Class A weeds: Non-native species with a limited distribution in Washington. Preventing new infestations and eradicating existing infestations is the highest priority. **Eradication is required by law.**

Common name	Scientific name
bean-caper, Syrian	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>
blueweed, Texas	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>
broom, Spanish	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
buffalobur	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>
clary, meadow	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>
cordgrass, denseflower	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>
cordgrass, salt meadow	<i>Spartina patens</i>
crupina, common	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>
flax, spurge	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>
four o'clock, wild	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>
goatsrue	<i>Galega officinalis</i>
hawkweed, yellow devil	<i>Hieracium floribundum</i>
hogweed, giant	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>
knapweed, bighead	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>
knapweed, Vochin	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>
kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i>
lawnweed	<i>Soliva sessilis</i>
mustard, garlic	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>

Class A Weeds (Continued)

nightshade, silverleaf	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
sage, clary	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>
sage, Mediterranean	<i>Salvia aethiopis</i>
spurge, eggleaf	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>
starthistle, purple	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
thistle, Italian	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
thistle, milk	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
thistle, slenderflower	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>
velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
woad, dyers	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>

Class B Weeds (Continued)

hawkweed, polar	<i>Hieracium atratum</i>
hawkweed, smooth	<i>Hieracium laevigatum</i>
hawkweed, yellow	<i>Hieracium caespitosum</i>
hedgeparsley	<i>Torilis arvensis</i>
helmet, policeman's	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
herb Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>
houndstongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>
indigobush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>
knapweed, black	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>
knapweed, brown	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>
knapweed, diffuse	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
knapweed, meadow	<i>Centaurea jacea x nigra</i>
knapweed, Russian	<i>Acropitilon repens</i>
knapweed, spotted	<i>Centaurea biebersteinii</i>
knotweed, giant	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>
knotweed, Himalayan	<i>Polygonum polystachyum</i>
knotweed, Japanese	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>
kochia	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>
lepyrodiclis	<i>Lepyrodiclis holosteoides</i>
loosestrife, garden	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>
loosestrife, purple	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
loosestrife, wand	<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>
nutsedge, yellow	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>
oxtongue, hawkweed	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>
parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
pepperweed, perennial	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>
primrose, water	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>
puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>
ragwort, tansy	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>
saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>
sandbur, longspine	<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>
skeletonweed, rush	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
sowthistle, perennial	<i>Sonchus arvensis</i> ssp. <i>arvensis</i>
spurge, leafy	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>
starthistle, yellow	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>
swainsonpea	<i>Sphaerophysa salsula</i>
thistle, musk	<i>Carduus nutans</i>
thistle, plumeless	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>
thistle, Scotch	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>
toadflax, Dalmatian	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. <i>dalmatica</i>
watermilfoil, Eurasian	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>

CLASS C WEEDS: Non-native weeds found in Washington. Many of these species are widespread in the state. Long-term programs of suppression and control are a County option, depending upon local threats and the feasibility of control in local areas.

Common name	Scientific name
babysbreath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>
bindweed, field	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>
canarygrass, reed	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
cockle, white	<i>Silene latifolia</i> ssp. <i>alba</i>
cocklebur, spiny	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>
cress, hoary	<i>Cardaria draba</i>
dodder, smoothseed	<i>Cuscuta approximata</i>
alfalfa	
goatgrass, jointed	<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>
hawkweed, spp.*	*Non-native <i>Hieracium</i> species except those listed as Class A or Class B
henbane, black	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>
iris, yellow flag	<i>Iris pseudocorus</i>
ivy, English*	*4 cultivars only
	<i>Hedera hibernica</i> 'Hibernica'
	<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Baltica'
	<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Pittsburgh'
	<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Star'
mayweed, scentless	<i>Matricaria perforata</i>
old man's beard	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
poison hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
reed, common	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
non-native genotypes	
rye, cereal	<i>Secale cereale</i>
spikeweed	<i>Hemizonia pungens</i>
spurge, Myrtle	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>
St. Johnswort, common	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
tansy, common	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>
thistle, bull	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
thistle, Canada	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
toadflax, yellow	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>
water lily, fragrant	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
whitetop, hairy	<i>Cardaria pubescens</i>
wormwood, absinth	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>

To find out more about weeds and weed control in Washington, contact:

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Noxious Weed Control Board
P.O. Box 42560, Olympia, WA 98504
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Web site: <http://www.nwcb.wa.gov>

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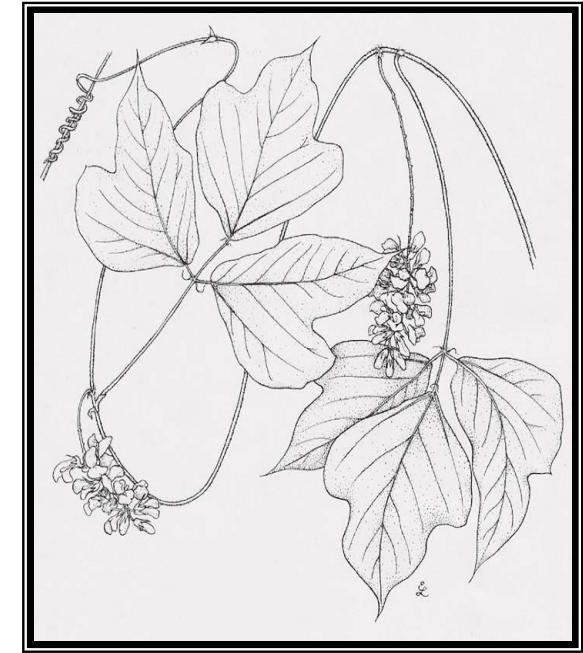
Washington State Department of Agriculture
21 North First Avenue #103
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Kudzu
Pueraria montana var. *lobata*

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